GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HEALTH FACILITIES IN NAXAL AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the health facilities are almost nil in the naxal affected areas ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Government is formulating any scheme at the national level to provide better health facilities in the naxal affected areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Health facilities in the country, including naxal affected areas, are being provided through a three tier network of Sub-centre, Primary Health Centre and Community Health Centre on the following population norms: -

Population Norms

Centre	Plain Area	Hilly/Tribal/Difficult Area
Sub-Centre	5000	3000
Primary Health Centre	30,000	20,000
Community Health Centre	1,20,000	80,000

Government is aware of certain gaps in health infrastructure in certain areas and has been advising the concerned State Governments to fill up the existing gaps on priority basis.

(c) to (e) Government has recently approved launching of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) from April, 2005, throughout the country with special focus on 18 States which includes 8 Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, M.P., Chhattisgarh, U.P., Uttaranchal Orissa and Rajasthan), 8 North East States (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura) Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The main objective of NRHM is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care, especially to poor and vulnerable sections of the population.